SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber as we begin our legislative day. Our chaplain for the day is Pastor Don Thursby from the First Presbyterian Church in Auburn, Nebraska.

PASTOR THURSBY: (Prayer offered.)

CLERK: We have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Are there any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have no messages, reports, or announcements this morning.

SPEAKER WITHEM: First item on General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, first bill, LB 988. The bill has been discussed by the Legislature. At this time, I have no amendments pending to the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Nothing on LB 988. No lights on it. Senator Lindsay or Senator Bernard-Stevens, you are recognized to close on the motion to advance LB 988. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I am sorely tempted right now simply to waive closing and move the bill. And I assume that this is closing, I guess, but I am a little bit nervous by doing so because I know there are a lot of people that had questions that we wanted to talk to. So I am kind of at a loss at this point as well. I will say to the body the following, we have had good extensive debate: I know and Senator Chambers has just come on the floor. Mr. Speaker, may I ask you a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Have I been, in fact, recognized for closing or is this, in fact, just a speaking on the bill.